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WELLER ASSUMES COMMAND OF ERDC

Col. James S. Weller will become the new Commander of the U. S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center (ERDC) on Aug. 3. He replaces Col. Robin R. Cababa, who recently retired.

ERDC includes all of the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers dispersed research and development facilities. The ERDC organization consists of eight laboratories in four locations: Construction Engineering Research Laboratory at Champaign, Ill., Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory at Hanover, N. H., Topographic Engineering Center at Alexandria, Va., and the Coastal and Hydraulics, Structures, Geotechnical, Environmental, and Information Technology Laboratories in Vicksburg, Miss.

Weller's assumption of command ceremony will be held at the Hanover site. His permanent duty station will be at the ERDC Headquarters in Vicksburg, Miss.

Formerly, Weller was the Commander of the Corps of Engineers Fort Worth District. Prior to that assignment, he was the Assistant Director of Military Programs at Corps Headquarters. He has also served as the Commander of the Walla Walla District, Deputy District Engineer of the Omaha District, and Deputy Area Engineer of the Rocky Mountain Area Office.

Weller's broad range of assignments include Executive Officer for the 52nd Engineer Battalion (Combat) (Heavy) in Saudi Arabia during the Gulf War; aide-de-camp to the Combined Field Army Commander in Korea; Engineer Operations Officer for the Combined Field Army, Korea; Civil Engineering Instructor at the U. S. Air Force Academy; and Staff Engineer for the U. S. Army Field Station in Okinawa. Initial military assignments include: platoon leader, company executive officer and company command positions in the 588th and 34th Engineer Battalions at Fort Polk, La.

Weller is a 1976 graduate of the U. S. Military Academy at West Point. He holds master's degrees from the Georgia Institute of Technology, the University of Southern California and the U. S. Naval War College. He is a registered professional engineer in Virginia.

Weller's military awards include the Legion of Merit (two awards), Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (four awards), Army Commendation Medal, the Air Force Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, Air Force Organizational Excellence Award, National Defense Service Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon, the Southwest Asia Service Medal and the Silver de Fleury Medal.